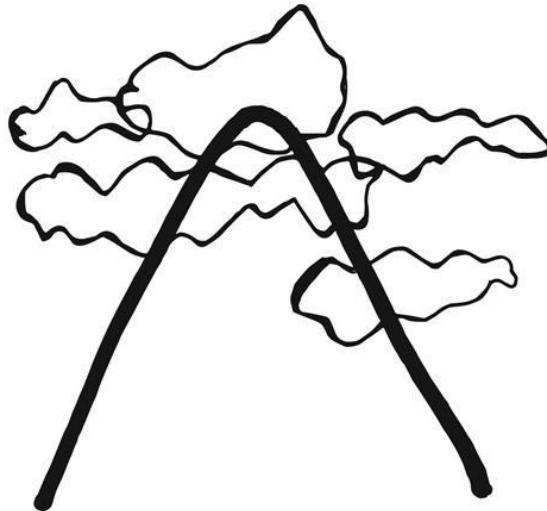


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Transfiguration of Our Lord: February 15, 2026



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**The Liturgy of Holy Communion
9:00 AM**
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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude: Handbells- *Beautiful Savior*, arr. Bill Ingram

(please stand and face the baptismal font)

P. We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

Dialog for Transfiguration:

P. The Lord, the God of gods has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

P. The Lord is king; he is enthroned upon the cherubim.

C. The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

P. Let me announce the decree of the Lord: “I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

C. “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.”

P. Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome.

C. Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool.

The Processional Hymn: #838 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Apostolic Greeting

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

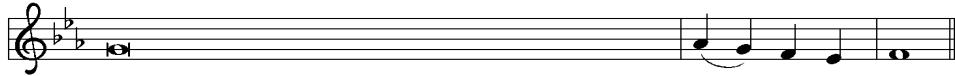
The Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



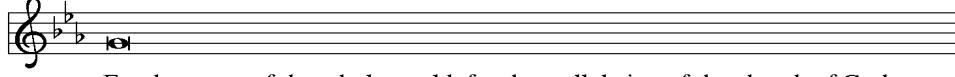
Lord, have mercy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



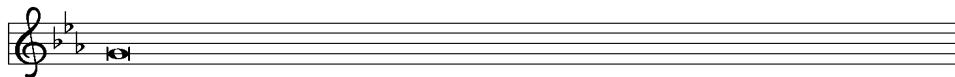
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Amen, amen.

Hymn of Praise (stanzas 1 & 5 only)

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with -
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,

God's own truth and light, a glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here

you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -

ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

The Prayer of the Day

P. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son

C. you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(Be Seated)

WORD

The First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2 (sung responsively with the cantor)

¹Why are the nations ¹ in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter ¹ empty threats?

²Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes ¹ plot together, against the LORD and against the ¹ LORD's anointed?

³"Let us break their ¹ yoke," they say; "let us cast off their ¹ bonds from us."

⁴God whose throne is in heav- ¹ en is laughing; the LORD holds them ¹ in derision.

⁵Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them, and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

⁶"As for me, I have anoint- ¹ ed my king upon Zion, my ¹ holy mountain."

⁷Let me announce the decree ¹ of the LORD,

 who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for ¹ your inheritance

 and the ends of the earth for ¹ your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod and shatter them like a ¹ piece of pottery."

¹⁰And now, you ¹ kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear, and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref-
uge in God!

The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my

Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

L. The Word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

(stand)

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

P. The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C. Glory to you, O Lord (spoken)

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P. The Gospel of the Lord. C. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

The Sermon: Rev. Mark Luscombe

[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]

(stand)

The Hymn of the Day: #815 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers

P. As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

(please kneel or sit)

(after each petition, please respond)

A. Merciful God, C. receive our prayer.

P. Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. C. Amen

MEAL

The Offertory: Celebration Choir- *Shine, Jesus, Shine*, arr. Tom Fettke

Offertory

Hymn:

Let the
Vineyards
be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Offertory Prayer

P. God of grace,

C. bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen

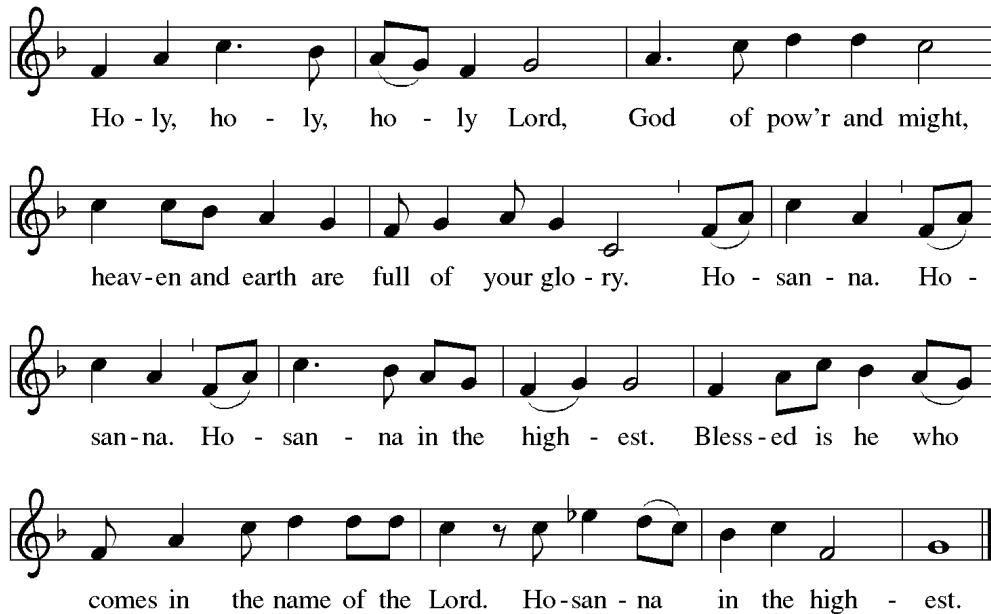
The Preface Dialogue: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**
P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Preface for Transfiguration

P. "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....join their unending hymn."

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P. Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might. In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

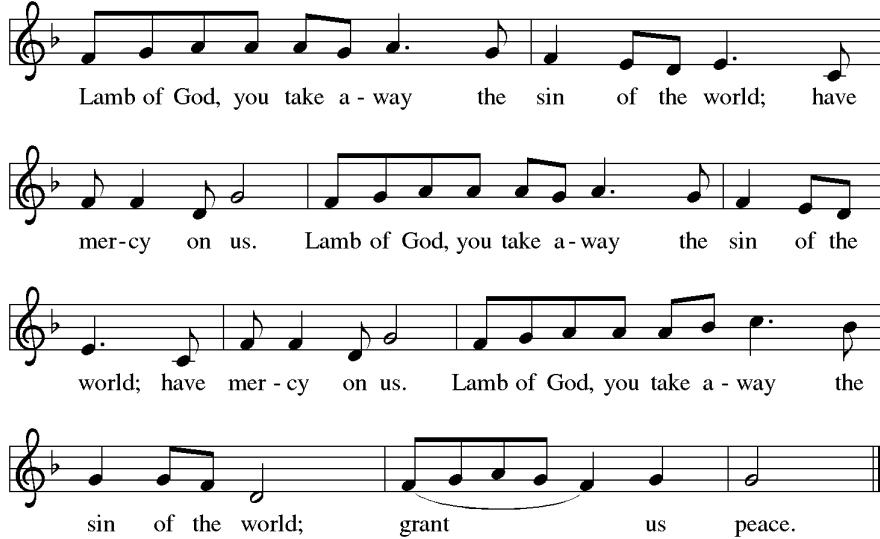
P. Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray.

C. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

The Fraction

P. Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.

Agnes Dei – LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing.

If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

#661 I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

#315 HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

#834 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

#867 IN THEE IS GLADNESS

The Blessing of Communicants

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C. Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

P. Nourishing God,

C. at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen

The Benediction

P. The Spirit of the triune God  bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C. Amen

The Recessional Hymn: #318 ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS

Burial of the Alleluia

P. O LORD, with this liturgy, we end the joyous time of Epiphany, a time of revelation and mission.

C. May the light of the child born in Bethlehem enlighten every one of our days.

P. O LORD, in this time of Epiphany, we have celebrated a child born, a life given, a heavenly presence made known. Come to us this day in the power of your resurrection.

C. May your risen presence be made known to us each day.

P. O LORD, we now turn our lives toward the powerful time of Lent, a time of confession, a time of great passion, a time of somber reflection, a time of new life and energy.

C. Draw us into the mystery of Jesus' witness: His obedience, His passion, His sacrifice of love.

P. O LORD, in faith and discipline, we now put aside the joyous alleluias of our liturgy to embrace a somber and soulful reflection upon your own passion and death.

C. Grant us the courage to walk in the ways of Jesus.

P. O LORD, as we move from scenes of a stable, a manger, and wise men, the imposing image of a cross, stark and deadly, looms ever larger as the backdrop for our living.

C. Give us the courage to look directly at your cross, not turning aside our gaze, knowing that the cross is the unwavering symbol of your love.

P. O LORD, you call us to embrace the Lenten disciplines of worship, prayer, sacrifice, and service.

C. Help us to embrace these disciplines of faith with our whole being, not just for these next 40 days, but for the whole of our lives.

P. O LORD, forgiven and renewed by Your grace and presence, send us out to where we live each day to do your will. May we go in peace to serve you.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Dismissal

- A. Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C. Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: *Menuet Gothique*, Léon Boëllmann

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

LECTOR

9:00 Lisa Garrett

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Heather Zimmerman, Norm Wangman

ACOLYTES

9:00 Judy Williams, Lillian Doughty,
Dylan Lynn, Patrice Mull

AV

John Fuehrer

Launder Linens: Brenda Wangman

Deliver Flowers: Heather Zimmerman

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Brenda Wangman, Lisa Garrett,
Charlann Brubaker

USHERS

9:00 Curtis & Christy Boos, Bill & Lori Spitzer

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR
FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:**

† To the glory of God.

Prayers of the People

Ken Fortna Jr. – Debbie's brother

Julia Perella – Judy Williams great niece

Terry Gehman – 11 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529

Janet Wiest – 1125 Marilyn Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522

Kathrin Baltz – 10 Windolph Ct. Lititz, PA 17543

Bob Snader – 154 Wyneberry Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522

Sue Gilbert – Rob Gilbert's mom

Jake Hinkle – 4 No. Line Rd, Stevens, PA 17578

Rick Woerner – 280 Boomerang Dr. Ephrata, PA 17522

All persons affected by war and violence

Victims of natural disasters

Shut-ins of the Parish

President Trump and leaders of this nation, leaders and policy makers of every nation

All outreach ministries serving those in need



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please get in touch with the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish a name to be included on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please get in touch with the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstances, making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

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| Emmalyn Mulvenna | Dan Wierbiki | Heidi White | Alan & family | Ava Berkosky |
| Janet Brunner | Jacob Hinkle Jr. | Johnny White | Dori Hoch | Amy Pasili |
| Andrew Campbell | Karen Woerner | Jacob Connelly | Cindy Stahl | Theresa Cimino |
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| Tony Perella | Rick Gerhard | Crystal Perry | Chris and Karen Payonk | Duke & Bonnie Leeper |
| Mike & Claudia Belden | Wyatt Geisthweit | Hank & Pat Kajetzke | Alysha Fassnacht | Sheldon Garman |
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